ACT Meeting 7 November 2007

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7 November 2007, 8:30 am Dept. of Agriculture

Agenda

DTS Rates and Budget Impacts

Payroll Issues

State Data Warehouse Update

Courts Presentation on Scanning into FINET

FINET Training

Use of Objects of Expenditure

Disbursement Options

Miscellaneous Items

FINET Calendar

Next Meeting Date and Place

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Greetings – Marci Soper

DTS Rates and Budget Impacts - John Reidhead

Payroll Issues – update on last week's problem

State Data Warehouse Update – Julia Holmes - New ITI/ITA Report

Courts Presentation on Scanning into FINET – Fred Jayne

FINET Training – Brook McElmurry

New IDT document -

Over the past year, agencies sent certain types of adjustments or corrections to Financial Reporting for entry, because no allowable event types existed on transactions secured to agencies. Examples of such adjustments were asset to asset, asset to liability, and inter-fund transfers. In some cases, it has been necessary to create JVDPs and IETs in combination to do entries previously done in old FINET through IATs.

A new document has been created called an Internal Department Transaction or IDT. The IDT is a clone of the Cost Allocation document which allows front-end split for programs, although it looks more like an IET. However, it will have only accounting lines; no vendor line or exchange detail will exist. Every line will have an event type that includes a cash offset. This allows funds to be different within the document. The cash offset keeps each fund in balance. The IDT is similar to the old IAT and PV3 and allows agencies to make adjustments they were empowered to make before implementing new FINET last year.

Its new event types are:

CA41 Asset with cash offset

CA42 Liability with cash offset

CA44 Expense with cash offset

CA45 Revenue with cash offset

CA51 Accumulated Depreciation with cash offset

The user should enter debits as positive numbers and credits as negative numbers.

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November Training Schedule

Payables Budgeting

11/6 - 8 am - noon 11/8 - 8 am - noon

Cash Receipts Requisitions

11/6 - 1 pm - 5 pm 11/8 - 1 pm - 5 pm

Purchase Orders Fixed Assets

11/7 - 8 am - noon 11/13 - 8 am - noon

Receivables Internal Transactions

11/7 - 1 pm - 5 pm 11/14 - 8 am - noon

TO REGISTER FOR COURSES:

Link to: http://www.apps.finance.utah.gov:8090/quest/finet/syllabus/syllabus.htm

Course descriptions are available from the Finance Home Page at http://www.finance.utah.gov. Click on the Training button.

Brook reminded us that training is scheduled for the first half of both November and December, due to the holidays.

Use of Objects of Expenditure – Marcie Handy/Marci Soper

Agencies were cautioned about randomly choosing objects of expenditure to capture special funding sources or to separate like expenses. The object should always be selected based on the type of goods or services and/or their use or purpose. They were encouraged to use unit, activity, or function to differentiate expenses. When in doubt, they should call Financial Reporting staff for assistance.

Disbursement Options – Ken Roner

FINET Issues – Jerry Gearheart

Forms Updated to 8.0 on Nov. 13

FINET Calendar

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The FINET schedule is 7 to 6:30 Monday, 7:30 to 6:30 Tuesday through Thursday and 7-7 on Friday with a cycle each night. Saturday hours will be 7-7, except for the 3rd Saturday of each month when system maintenance may be scheduled.

Included below are the **exceptions** to the normal FINET schedule through January 1, 2008:

Nov 12 – Veterans Day – no cycle; system open 7-6:30

Nov 21 – No cycle

Nov 22 – Thanksgiving – no cycle; system open 7:30 to 6:30

Dec 7 – November month end close

Dec 24 – Christmas Eve - no cycle

Dec 25 – Christmas Day – no cycle; open 7:30 to 6:30

Dec 31 – New Year's Eve – no cycle

Jan 1 – New Year's Day – no cycle; open 7:30 to 6:30

Next Meeting Date – 8:30 AM – December 12, 2007 - at State Office Building

This meeting may be canceled.

The 2008 meeting schedule will be distributed by mid-December.